

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A power strip comprising:

~~a single housing that encloses all internal circuitry of the power strip; and~~ having a plurality of A/C power outlets disposed therein, the single housing enclosing a smoke detector and a smoke detection control switch.

~~a smoke detector disposed within the single housing.~~

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The power strip of claim 25, wherein the ~~internal circuitry~~ single housing includes further encloses at least one of surge protection circuitry or a circuit breaker, ~~a ground fault circuit breaker, or an uninterruptible power source.~~

28. (Original) The power strip of claim 25, wherein the smoke detector is selected from the group comprised of at least one of an ionization sensor smoke detector, a photodiode sensor smoke detector and a beam interference smoke detector.

29. (Original) The power strip of claim 25, wherein the smoke detector includes an audible alarm.

30. (Currently Amended) The power strip of claim 25, wherein the single housing further includes at least one of:

~~ventilation holes suitable to facilitate smoke detection by the smoke detector disposed therein~~ allow smoke to penetrate the single housing;

~~an on/off switch for selectably enabling the internal circuitry to receive power~~ a manually operated switch disposed on the exterior surface of the single housing for selectably

enabling the plurality of A/C power outlets to receive power.

a smoke detector test switch;

a reset switch ~~to reestablish~~ for reestablishing power flow to ~~devices connected to the power strip~~ the plurality of A/C power outlets following smoke detection;

one or more light emitting diodes; or

means for mounting the power strip to a vertical surface.

31. (Currently Amended) The power strip of claim 27, wherein the single housing includes at least one reset switch for reestablishing power flow to ~~devices attached to the power strip~~ the plurality of A/C power outlets after a power surge, electrical short or smoke detection.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) The power strip of claim 25, wherein the single housing further encloses an uninterruptible power source.

34. (New) A power strip comprising:

a power cord having first and second ends, the first end being equipped with one or more prongs for connecting to a power outlet; and

a single housing having a plurality of A/C power outlets disposed therein, the single housing enclosing a power source electrically coupled to the second end of the power cord, a smoke detector and a smoke detection control switch.

35. (New) The power strip of claim 34, wherein the single housing further encloses an uninterruptible power source.

36. (New) The power strip of claim 34, wherein the power strip further includes a manually operated switch disposed on the exterior surface of the single housing for selectably enabling the plurality of A/C power outlets to receive power.

37. (New) The power strip of claim 34, wherein the single housing further encloses at least one of surge protection circuitry or a circuit breaker.

37. (New) The power strip of claim 34, wherein the smoke detector is selected from the group comprised of at least one of an ionization sensor smoke detector, a photodiode sensor smoke detector and a beam interference smoke detector.

38. (New) The power strip of claim 34, wherein the single housing further includes at least one of:

ventilation holes suitable to allow smoke to penetrate the single housing;

a smoke detector test switch;

a reset switch for reestablishing power flow to the plurality of A/C power outlets following smoke detection;

one or more light emitting diodes; or

means for mounting the power strip to a vertical surface.

39. (New) A method for automatically terminating power flow to devices equipped to receive power via an A/C power outlet, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) coupling a power strip having a single housing with one or more A/C power outlets disposed therein and enclosing a smoke detector and a smoke detection control switch to an A/C power outlet;

(b) plugging electrically powered devices into the one or more A/C power outlets disposed within the single housing;

(c) detecting smoke by the smoke detector; and

(d) creating a trigger voltage that causes the smoke detection control switch to restrict power flow to the one or more A/C power outlets disposed within the single housing.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the coupling step further comprises the step of employing a power cord having a first end equipped with one or more prongs, and a second end electrically connected to the power strip, to couple the power strip to an A/C power outlet.